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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20060526
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-12 have been examined.

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Page 14, line 14 recites the term "bate-stamped" that should recite "date-stamped." Page 16, line 11 refers to "bate-stamping charges" which should refer to "date-stamp charges." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nemeth et al., U.S. PG-Pub No. 2005/0071233 (reference A on the attached PTO-892 document).

4. As per claim 1, Nemeth et al. teaches an Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) payment system for paying for IPP services, said system comprising: a plurality of IPP cards (see paragraph 0019, lines 9-10); a data structure storing a plurality of records, where each record includes an identification code and a monetary amount, and where each record corresponds to one of the plurality of IPP cards (see paragraph 0006, lines 1-5); and a processor for determining if the

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monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of an IPP service (see paragraph 0006, lines 11-16).

5. As per claim 2, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP payment system of claim 1 as described above. Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein the plurality of IPP cards are prepaid (see paragraph 0004, lines 1-5).

6. As per claim 3, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP payment system of claim 1 as described above. Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein the processor includes means for receiving instructions to deduct or add an amount from or to a monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of records via a network (see paragraph 0023, lines 13-19).

7. As per claim 4, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP payment of claim 1 as described above. Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein the processor determines if the corresponding monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of a non-IPP service (see paragraph 0023, lines 13-19).

8. As per claim 5, Nemeth at al. teaches the IPP payment system of claim 1 as described above. Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein each of the plurality of IPP cards corresponds to a subscriber of said IPP payment system (see paragraph 0006, lines 1-5).

9. As per claim 6, Nemeth at al. teaches a IPP card comprising a front face and a back face, wherein at least one of said faces indicates at least a monetary amount associated with said IPP card and identification indicia for transmitting via a network to a remote processor for said remote server to identify said IPP card and to determine a monetary amount associated with said IPP card, wherein said monetary amount may differ from the monetary amount indicated on the at least one of said faces (see paragraph 0018, lines 11-17).

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10. As per claim 7, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 6 as described above.

Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein said IPP card is prepaid (see paragraph 0004, lines 1-5).

11. As per claim 9, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 6 as described above.

Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein at least one of said faces includes at least one of the following: a magnetic stripe, computer chip, bar code, radio frequency identification (RFID) tag, a compact-disc type surface encoding digital data, and a hologram (see paragraph 0018, lines 5-8).

12. As per claim 10, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 6 as described above.

Nemeth et al. further teaches a computer-readable medium storing data (see paragraph 0018, lines 5-8).

13. As per claim 11, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 10 as described above.

Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein said data includes a unique identification code assigned to said IPP card; the value of the monetary amount assigned to the IPP card; and a monetary amount for specific IPP services (see paragraph 0006, lines 1-5).

14. As per claim 12, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 6 as described above.

Nemeth et al. further teaches wherein the IPP card is a smart memory card configured for insertion within a reading device (see paragraph 0005, lines 6-10).

15. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nemeth et al., U.S. PG-Pub No. 2005/0071233 (reference A on the attached PTO-892 document) in view of Akiyama, U.S. PG-Pub No. 2003/0093216 (reference B on the attached PTO-892 document).

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16. As per claim 8, Nemeth et al. teaches the IPP card of claim 6 as described above. Nemeth et al. fails to teach wherein at least one of said faces includes a coupon. Akiyama teaches wherein at least one of said faces includes a coupon (see paragraph 0021, lines 6-8). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this feature into the card of Nemeth et al. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to incorporate this feature for the purpose of allowing a shop to advertise itself making efficiency of gathering customers higher (see paragraph 0021, lines 1-6 and paragraph 0014, lines 5-8 of Akiyama).

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Masaki, U.S. PG-Pub No. 2001/0032185 (reference C on the attached PTO-892 document), teaches submitting a request to provide pay services over a network, such as a print job. Miyaji et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,940,581 (reference D on the attached PTO-892 document), teaches a printing system.

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samica L. Norman whose telephone number is (571) 270-1371. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 7:30a-5p, w/ 1st Fri off & 2nd 7:30a-4p.

19. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard E. Chilcot can be reached on (571) 272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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20. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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